THE ANTIENT, True, and Admirable History of Patient GRISEL,

A Poore Mans Daughter in France:

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AND

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Written first in French.

AND

Therefore to French I speake and giue direction.
For English Dames will liue in no subiection.

Now Translated into English.

AND

Therein they say not so. For, English maids and wiues
Surpasse the French, in goodnesse of their liues.

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CHAP. I.

How the Marqueſſe of *Saluſs* paſſed the time of his youth without any deſire of mariage, till he was requeſted by the faire entreatie of a fauorite, and other Gentlemen, to affect a wife; both for the good of the Country, and the honour of himſelfe: with his anſwer to the ſame.

BEtweene the Fountaines of Italy and France, towards the South, lyes the territory of Saluſs, a Country flourithing with excellent Townes and Caſtles, and peopled with the beſt ſort of Gentles and Peaſants: amongſt whom there liued not long ſince a Noble man, of great hope and expectation, Lord of the Country, by name, Gualter, Marqueſſe of Saluſs: to whom, as the gouernment appertained by right of inheritance; ſo their obedience attended, by deſert of his worthineſſe. He was young in yeares, noble of lineage, and ſuch attractiue demeanor, that the beſt thought it a pleaſure to be commanded by him, and the worſt grew more tractable by his good example: his delight was in hunting and hauking, and the pleaſure of the time preſent extinguiſhed the care of the time to come; for he thought not of mariage, nor to intangle himſelfe with the inconueniences of a wife, till at laſt the peo-

ple and Noblemen of his Country protected the contrary, as discontented to see him indisposed that way, and presaging a kind of prosperity to themselues, if by his mariage posteritie might arise to assure them the better, how they might bestow their obedience hereafter. Whereupon, they assembled together, and made one day amongst the rest a determiner of their resolutions, chosing out for their speaker a Noble Knight, of great authority, faire demeanor, eloquent speech, and more inward with the Marquesse then any of the rest: who, thus acquainted with all their mindes, and prepared to vtter his owne minde, tooke an opportunity to acquaint the renowned Marquesse with the matter.

Most Honourable Sir, the great humanity extended toward vs, & of which I most especially haue participated, hath thus emboldened me aboue others, to make a further triall of your patience, and forbearing my rudenes; not that there is any sufficiency or singularity in me aboue others: but in that heretofore I haue found you so generous toward all, I make no question to finde you as gratious toward my selfe; and in that it hath pleased you to accept of our loue, wee are proud againe to be vnder your obedience: wherein we shall reioice the more, if you now accord to our request the sooner, which is, to marry without delay. The time passeth, and will not be recalled: your youth intreats it, and must not be denied: your countrey importunes it, and would not bee opposed: your neighbours desire it, and hope to bee satisfied: and all sorts request it, and wish it for your honour. For when age approacheth, death attends it at the heeles, & no man can tell when, or how it will fall vpon him. Therefore wee humbly request you to accept our supplications, and accord to this importunity, that we may prouide by your appointment, a Lady worthy of your honour and our subiection. In this wee are the more suppliant, because it will rebound so much to the good of your countrey, and the enlarging your renowne; for if it should so fall out (which God forbid) that you die without issue, wee may lament the losse of our Lord, but not redresse the complaints of the people: we shall want you that was al our

comfort, but are ſure of diſtreſſe to our everlaſting trouble. If then you either loue your ſelfe, or pity vs, frame a heart to this impreſſion, and leaue not vs to further feare and diſquiet.

When the noble lord had thus apprehended the petition of his louing ſubiects, he reſolued to anſwer them as graciouſly as they had propounded the buſineſſe with regard of duty, and ſo replied: My deareſt friends, you haue vrged mee to a matter, in which as yet I haue beene a mere ſtranger: for by nature I delight in liberty, and by cuſtome continued my pleaſures; both which muſt needs bee curbed by mariage, and reſtrained by taking a wife: notwithſtanding, I caſt awaie all doubts, to pleaſure you: and will thinke of no incombrances ſo you be ſatisfied. For though mariage hath many difficulties attending: eſpecially, the feare of legitimation in our children, and ſuſpicion of that honour which lies on our wiues honeſty, yet all ſhall bee ouercome with this reſolution, that I ſhall pleaſe you in the ſame: for I am reſolued, if anie good come for mans contentment by marriage, it is from God; to whom I ſubmit this cauſe, and pray for the good ſucceſſe of your wiſhes, that I may liue to maintaine your peace, as well as my owne pleaſure: and looke wherein my contentment ſhall enlarge mine honour, your welfare ſhall be reſpected aboue my life; ſo that (beleeue it) I will ſatisfie your demande, and apply my ſelfe to the purpoſe. Only one thing I requeſt at your hands, to take in worth my choice, and neither inſult if ſhe be a princeſſe of greatnes, nor repine if ſhe be of meane eſtate: but loue her becauſe I haue loued you, and regard her howſoeuer, in that ſhe is my wife; neither being curious nor inquiſitiue whom I will chuſe, nor diſaffected when it is paſt remedy.

When the company had heard him out, and found him ſo willing to their ſatisfaction, they gaue him thankes with one heart for his kinde admiſſion, and anſwered with one tongue, he ſhould not finde them repugnant, but they would honor his wife as the princeſſe of the world, and be mirrors to him as the Commander of their ſoules. Thus did this new report

(like a meſſenger of glad tidings) fill all the Marquiſate with ioy, and the palace with delight, when they vnderſtood their lord would marry, and in a manner heard the time appointed: for preſently it was proclaimed through the Countrey, and a day aſſigned for all commers to come to the Court. The Nobles prepared themſelues in the beſt manner: the Ladies ſpared no coſt, either for ornaments of their bodies, or ſetting out their beauties: the Gentles flocked to pleaſe their lord, and were braue to ſet out their owne greatnes: the Citizens were rich in their neatnes, and handſome in their attire: the Officers were formall in their ſhowes, and ſumptuous in their attendants: the Countryman had his variety, and the verie Peſant his bravery; in a word, all ſorts gloried in the hope of that feſtiuall, and euery mans expectation attended the day of the triumph. For neuer was ſuch a preparation in Saluſs before, nor ſuch a confluence of people ſeene in that countrey: for beſides the nouelty, many forraine Princes came to celebrate this mariage, and to ſhew their owne greatnes. Sauoy was neare, and ſent ſome from her ſnowie hills: France as neare, and ſent others from her fruitfull vines: Italy not far off, and ſent many from her pleaſant fields: and the Iſlands round about kept none at home that would come. Thus were his kinred inuited, ſtrangers admitted, his owne people entertained, and all ſorts welcommed: but as yet no bride was ſeene, no woman named, no lady deſigned, no maid publiſhed, no wife knowne: onely the preparation was much, and the expectation greater.

All this while the Marqueſſe continued his hunting; and as he had accuſtomed, reſorted much to a poore country village not farre from Saluſſe, where there dwelt as poore a countriman, named Ianicole, ouerworne in yeares, and ouercrowne with diſtreſſe. But as it happens many times, that inward graces doe moderate outward diſcommodities, and that God ſeaſoneth pouerty with contentment and their ſufficient ſupportation: ſo had this poore man all his deſeres ſupplied in the admirable comfort of one onely daughter; ſo compoſed, as if Nature determined a worke of oſtentation. For ſuch was her

beauty in appearance, and vertue in operation, that it put in diſcourſers to an extaſie in the choiſe by compariſon: but both vnited did heere grace each other; and when they pretended an action, it was all to go forward to perfection. And whereas in others this temporary bleſſing gaue wings to deſire, to bee ſeene and knowne abroad; in her thoſe innated vertues allaied the heat of all manner of paſſion, and breakings out of frailty. The viands they had were but meane, and the diet they kept was to ſatisfie nature: the time was ouer-ruled by their ſtomacks, and the ceremonies they vſed were thanks to God, & moderation in their repaſts. The vtenſiles of the houſe were homely, yet handſome in regard of their cleanlineſſe: that bed which they had the olde man lay in, and the ſweet daughter made ſhift with the ground. No day paſſed without prayers and praiſes to God (for was it not praiſe-worthy to haue any grace in his diſgrace?) nor any night, without taking account of the day paſſed. Her exerciſe was to helpe her father in the morning, and driue forth her ſheep in the day time: hee was at home making of nets, and ſhee abroad loking to her lambs: ſhe was neuer heard to wiſh for any better, but to thank God it was no worſe. No word of repining euer came from her mouth, or the leaſt grudge from her heart: at night ſhe folded her ſheep, and dreſſed her fathers ſupper: then lay they downe to reſt, and reſted as well as in a bed of Downe indeed. This was the glory of their pouerty, and memory of their contentment.

But as fire will not be hid where there is matter combuſtible: ſo vertue will not be obſcured where there be tongues and eares: nor could the Marqueſſe ſo hallow after his hawks and hounds, but report hallowed in his eare, as faſt, this wonderment; inſomuch that when it was confirmed by indirious relation, he made it not dainty to be beholding to his owne experience. Which when he ſaw concurring with fame, the miracle brought a kinde of aſtoniſhment: which continuing the properties of ſuch nouelties, increaſed to meditation: and ſo comparing the reſt with this rarity, he thought her a fit woman to make his wife, ſuppoſing that if ſhe were vertuous by na-

ture, she could not proue vicious by education: but rather as a diamond is a stone of the same value, whether set in lead or horne, it must needs bee of more excellency embellished with gold and enamell. In which resolution hee prepared his heart, and went forward with his businesse.

In the meane time the Court was daintily furnished, the plate prepared, the apparell magnificent, the coronet rich, the iewels precious, the ornaments exceeding, and all things befitting the magnificence of a prince, & the dignitie of a queen: only the Nobles wondred, the ladies were amazed, the damsels marueiled, the Gentles disputed, the people flocked, and all sorts attended to see who should possesse this wealth, and bee adorned with these robes. Till at last the nuptial day came indeed: honour prepared the sumptuousnes: fame diuulged the glory: Hymen inuited the guests: magnificence adorned the roomes: the Officers marshald the State: and all looked for a Bride: but who she was, the next Chapter must discouer.

CHAP. II.

How after all this great preparation, the Marquesse of Saluss demanded *Grisell* of her poore father *Ianicola*; and espousing her, made her Marchionesse of Saluss.

When all things were extended to this glorious shew, the Marquesse (as if he went to fetch his wife indeed) tooke with him a great company of Earls, Lords, Knights, Squires and Gentlemen, Ladies and attendants; and went from the Palace into the Country toward Ianicolas house; where the faire mayd Grisel knowing nothing of that which hapned, nor once dreaming of that which was to come, had made her house and selfe somwhat handsome, determining (with the rest of her neighbor Virgins) to see this solemnity: at which instant arriued the Marquesse with all his gracious company, meeting with Grisel, as shee was carrying two pitchers of water to her pore fathers house. Of whom (calling her by her name) he asked, where her father was: she humbly answered, in the house.

One then ſaid hee, and tell him I would ſpeak with him. So the poore old man (made the poorer by this aſtonishment) came forth to the Lord ſomewhat appauled: till the Marquelle, taking him by the hand, with an extraordinary chearefulneſſe, ſaid, that he had a ſecret to impart vnto him; and ſo ſequeſtring him from the company, ſpake theſe words: Ianicola, I know, that you alwaies loued me, and am reſolued, that you doe not now hate me: you haue beene glad when I haue been pleaſed; and will not now bee ſorrowfull, if I bee ſatisfied: nay, I am ſure, if it lie in your power, you will further my delight, and not bee a contrary to my requeſt. For I intend to beſpeake your daughter for my wife, and bee your ſonne in lawe for your aduancement. What ſaieſt thou man: wilt thou accept mee for a friend, as I haue appointed thee for a father? The poore old man was ſo aſtonished, that he could not looke vp for teares, nor ſpeake a word for ioy: but when the extaſie had end, hee thus faintly replied; My gracious Soueraigne, you are my lord, and therefore I muſt accord to your will; but you are generous, and therefore I preſume on your vertue: take her a Gods name, and make mee a glad father; and let that God, which raiſeth the humble and meek, make her a befitting wife, and fruitfull mother. Why then, replied the Marquelle, let vs enter your houſe: for I muſt aske her a queſtion before you. So hee went in, the company tarrying without in great aſtonishment: the faire maid was buſied to make it as handſome as ſhe could; and proud againe, to haue ſuch a gueſt vnder her roofe; amazed at nothing, but why hee ſhould come ſo accompanied, and little conjecturing of ſo great a bleſſing approaching. But at laſt, the Marquelle tooke her by the hand, and breſt theſe ſpeeches: To tel you this bluſh becomes you, it were but a folly; and that your modeſty hath graced your comelines, may proue the deceit of words, and vnbefitting my greatnes: but in a word, your father and I haue agreed to make you my wife, and I hope you will not diſagree to take me to your husband. For delay ſhall not intangle you with ſuſpition, nor this date longer protract the kindnes: onely I muſt bee ſolicited in this, if your heart affoord a willing entertainement to the

motion: and your vertue a constancy to this resolution, not to repine at my pleasure in any thing, nor presume on contradiction, when I determine to command. For as amongst good soul-diers, they must simply obey without disputing the businesse: so must vertuous wives ontifully consent without reproofe, or the least contraction of a brow. Therefore be advised how you answer, and I charge you take heed, that the tongue vtter no more then the heart conceits. All this while was Grisel wondring at the miracle, had not religio told her, that nothing was impossible to the Commander of all things; which reduced her to a better consideration, and thus brought forth an answere:

My gracious lord, I am not ignorant of your greatnesse, and know mine owne baseneſſe; there is no worth in me to be your seruant, therefore there can be no desert to be your wife: notwithstanding, because God will be the Author of miraculous actions, I yeld to your pleasure, and praise him for the fortune; onely this I will be bold to say, That your will shall shall be my delight, and death shall be more welcome vnto me, then a word of displeasure against you.

This is sufficient, answered the great lord, and so most lovingly he took her by the hand, and brought her to the company, eaten before all his peeres and great ladies, and told them, shee should bee his wife: so that wherein they extended their love, reuerence, and obedience toward her, he would exemplifie his regard, care, and diligence toward them. And because outward shewes doe sometimes grace befitting actions (lest her poverty and baseness might too much daunt their expectation, and seeme disgracious to their noblenes) he commanded them with a mozall liuelinesse to adorne her with the richest robes they had: so that it was a pleasure to see, how the ladies busied themselues; a delight, to behould the seuerall services performed, the many hands about her; the iewels and pendants, the robes and mantles, the ornaments and coronets, the collanes and chaines; with all other particulars and accoutrements: but when she was apparelled indeed, it was a ravishment exceeding report, and they which formerly had

preferment, were now delighted with her glory. Such a behauiour hath beauty by nature, and gratiouſneſſe by nurture.

CHAP. III.

How the Marqueſſe and *Griſel* were married together.

AFter the ladies had thus adorned poore Griſel with robes beſitting her eſtate, the Marqueſſe and all the noble company returned to Saluſs, and in the Cathedrall Church in ſight of the people, according to the fulneſſe of religious ceremonies, they were eſpouſed together, and with great ſolemnitie returned to the palace. Herein yet conſiſted the admiration, that no word of reproach was murmured, nor eie looked vnpleaſantly vpon her: for by her wonderfull demeanour ſhee had gained ſo much of opinion, that the baſenes of her birth was not thought vpon, and all her graces concurring made them verely beleeue, ſhee was extracted of princely lineage: no man once ſuppoſed, that ſhee could bee Griſel, daughter to poore Ianicola; but rather ſome creature metamorphoſed by the powers of heauen: for beſides the outward ſtatelineſſe & maieſticall carriage of herſelfe, the wonderfull modeſtie and exact ſymmetry of her countenance, the admirable beauty and extraordinary fauor of her viſage, her faire demeanour had a kinde of attraction, and her gratious words, a ſweet delitneſſe: ſo that all that came to her were glad of their acceſſe, and they which went from her, triumphed for their good ſpeed: yea, report extended ſo far, that ſhe was not onely viſited by her owne lords and ladies with reuerence; but attended on with ſtrangers, who came from all quarters to ſee her, and to bee behouldeing to their owne iudgements: ſo that if the Marqueſſe loued her before for her owne worth, he now reuerenced her for others reſpect; the rather, becauſe he found a bleſſing attending her preſence, and all people pleaſed in the contract. For when any controuerſie happed betweene himſelfe and his Nobles, ſhe was ſo nobly minded, that what ſhe could not obtaine by faire intreaty, ſhe yet mitigated by ſweet perſuaſion. When any vnkindnes happed of ſtrayning [illegible]

shee urged those blessings of peace, and reasoned the matter with delightsom enforcement: when the people were either complained of, or against, he maruelled from whence she had those pretty reasons to assuage his anger, and they verely beleeued shee was sent from heauen for their releefe. Thus was shee amiable to her lord, acceptable to her people, profitable to her Country, a mirror of her Sexe, a person priuiledged by nature, and a wonder of the time, in which she did nothing out of time; so that the Marquesse was rather rauished then louing, and all his subiects resolued to obedience from her good example.

CHAP. IIII.

How the Lady *Grisil* was proued by her Husband, who thus made triall of her patience.

TO other blessings, in processe of time, there was added the birth of a sweet Infant, a Daughter, that reioiced the mother, and gladded the father; the Country triumphed, and the people clapped their hands for ioy. For the Marquesse still loued her more and more, and they thought their liues not deere for her, if occasion serued. Notwithstanding all this, Fortune hath still a tricke to checke the pride of life, and prosperity must be seasoned with some crosses, or else it would taint & corrupt vs too much. Whereupon, the Marquesse determined now to proue his wife, and make triall of her vertues indeed: and so taking a conuenient season, after the bride was fully vrged, he one day repaired secretly to her chamber, and (seeming half angry) thus imparted his mind:

Although, Grisel, this your present Fortune hath made you forget your former estate, and that the iollity of your life ouer-ouerspreth the remembrance of your birth; yet, neither is it so with me, nor my Nobles: For I haue some occasion of disliking, and they great cause of repining, in that they must be subiect to one so base, and haue still before their eyes our child born of such low degree; so that though (for my sake) they make good countenance of the present, yet are they resolued neuer to su-

fer any of our posterity to rule ouer them; of which, as they haue disputed with mee, I cannot chuse but forewarne you: Therefore, to preuent this discontentment betweene vs, and to maintaine that peace which must corroborate my estate, I must needes yeelde to their iudgements, and take away your Daughter from you, to preserue their amity: the thing I know must be displeasing to Nature, and a Mother cannot well indure such a losse: but there is now no remedy, only make vse of your stoll resolutions, and remember what you promised me at the beginning of our Contract.

The Lady hearing this sorrowfull preamble, and apprehending the Marquesse resolution, to her griefe (although euery word might haue beene as arrowes in her sides) yet admiring of the temptation, and disputing with her selfe to what end the vertues of Patience, Modesty, Forbearance, Fortitude and Magnanimity were ordained, if they had not subiects to worke vpon, and obiects to looke after; thus replyed:

My Lord, you are my Soueraigne, and all earthly pleasures and contentments of my life come from you, as the fountaine of my happinesse; and therefore please your selfe, and (beleeue it) it is my pleasure that you are pleased: as for the child, it is the gift of God and yours. Now he that giues may take away, and as wee receiue blessings from heauen, so must we not dote on them on earth; lest by setting our minds too much vpon them, wee cannot set off our hearts when they are taken from vs: only one thing I desire, that you remember I am a mother, and if I burst not out into passion for her losse, it is for your sake I am no more perplexed, and so you shall euer find mee a wife befitting your desires.

When the Marquesse saw her constancy, and was in a manner pleased with her modest answere, he replied not at all at that time. For his heart was full, and what betweene ioy and feare he departed: ioy that so great vertue had the increase of goodnesse: feare that he had presumed too farre on such a trial: but resolued in his businesse, hee went to put it to the aduenture.

CHAP. V.

The Marquesse sent a Varlet for his daughter; but priuatly disposed of her with his sister, the Dutchesse of *Bologna de grace*, who brought her vp in all things befitting the childe of so greate a person.

NOt long after this sad conference betweene the Marquesse and his lady, hee called a faithfull seruant vnto him; such a one as the poet talks of, propter fidem & taciturnitatem dilectum, to whom hee imparts this secrecy: and with seuerall instructions, what hee truly meant to do with the child, sent him to his wife with an vnsauory message; which yet hee deliuered in this manner:

I had not now come to you, most noble lady, though that power commanded me, which hath my life in subiection, if I had not more relied vpon your wisdome and vertue; than feared death it selfe. Therefore I craue pardon if I am displeasing in my message, and seeme cruell (as it were) in tearing your flesh from your sides, by bereauing you of this your daughter: for hee hath appointed it that must not bee gainsaid, and I am a messenger that cannot bee denied: but yet with what vnwillingnes (God knowes my soule.) in regard that you are so respected amongst vs, that wee think of nothing but what may delight you, and talk not a word, but of your merit and worthinesse.

When shee had heard him out; remembring the conference the Marquesse had with her, and apprehending there was no disputing in a matter remedilesse, especially with a messenger, shee resolued it was ordained to dy: and although shee must now (as it were) commit it to a slaughter-house, whereby any woman in the world might with good becomming haue burst out into some passion, and well enough shewed a distracted extasie; yet recollecting her spirits, and reclaiming those motiues of nature already striuing in her bowels, shee tooke the childe in her armes, and with a mothers blessing, and

sweetned kisses, the countenance somewhat sad, and the gesture without any violent execution, deliuered it vnto the fellow, not once amazed nor distempred, because her lord would haue it so, and shee knew not how to haue it otherwise: only shee said, I must, my friend, intreat one thing at your hands, that out of humanity and Christian obseruation, you leaue not the body to be deuoured of beasts or birds: for it is worthy of a graue in her innocency; and Christian buriall, though shee were but my daughter alone.

The fellow hauing receiued the childe, durst not tarry for feare of discouery (such impression had her words made already) but returned with it to his Maister; not leauing out the least circumstance of her answer, nor any thing might enlarge her renowne and constancy.

The Marquesse considering the great vertue of his wife, and looking on the beauty of his daughter, began to enter into a kinde of compassion, and to retract his wilfulnesse: but at last, resolution won the field of pity and hauing (as he thought) so well begunne, would not so soone giue ouer: but with the same secrecy hee had taken her from his wife, hee sent it away to his sister, the Dutchess of Bologna, with presents of worth, and letters of gratification, containing in them the nature of the businesse, and the manner of her bringing vp; which shee accordingly put in practice, receiuing her neece with ioy, and instructing her with diligence: so that it soone appeared, vnder what a tutelage shee was, and whose daughter shee might be. For her pregnancy learned whatsoeuer they taught her: and the grace shee added, quickly discouered, that honour had confederated with nature to make her the offspring of such a mother.

CHAP.

CHAP. VI.

The Marquesse, not contented with this proofe, tooke away (also her sonne, in which aduersity (with other additions) she shewed an extraordinary patience.

After this tempest was ouerpast, the rage whereof might easily haue broken the tender sides of poore Grisels Barke (for, she verely beleeued that her Daughter was slaine) the Marquesse still lay in waite for the trial of his wife, watching euery opportunity which might acquaint him with her discontentments; especially, if he might vnderstand whether she complained of his rigorousnesse and vnkindnesse, or no: but when he not onely was aduertised of her constancy, and faire demeanor, but saw (by experience) that she was neither elated in prosperity, nor dejected in aduersity: when he perceiued so great a temperature betweene the ioy of her aduancement and the sorrow for her trouble, he wondred at her constancy; and the rather, because her loue and obseruation toward him continued with that sweetnes, and had such delectable passages, that his heart was set on fire againe, and he knew not how to allay the extremities of his ioy. In this manner passed foure yeares, wherein she ouerpassed all of her kinde, and he thought it a donatiue from heauen to haue such a wife. At last, nature bestird herselfe againe, and made her a happy mother of a faire sonne, the ioy whereof led the whole Country into the house of praier & thanksgiuing, and brought them home againe by cresset-light and bonfires: so that she well perceiued how acceptable she was to her people, and beloued of her husband. Notwithstanding, with the same water that drawe the mill, he drowned it; and made her still beleeue the contrary: for after two yeares, that the childe was past the danger of a cradle, and the trouble of infancy, he took occasion once againe to inflict vpon the vertuous Grisel a new punishment; erecting his building vpon the old foundation. You know, saith he, what former contentions I haue had with my Nobility about our marriage, not that they can lay any im-

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putation on yor or your worthy behaviors, but on my fortune and disasterous affection to match my selfe so meanly: whereas in yet their forward exprobration was rebated, all the while we either had no children, or that they supposed, that which we had to be taken from vs: all which ariseth out of the error of ambition (which, in a manner, is cavelesse of decrue) respecting nothing but high Progeny: so that euer since this child was borne, there hath passed many secret grudgings, and vnkinde speeches against it, as if it were a disparagement to their greatnesse, to haue a lord of so meane Parentage, and the Country to be subiect to the grand child of Janicola, who (you see) neuer since our marriage, they would admit to place of honor, or to ouercrop them by way of allociation; nor will suffer this my Gualter, though it carry the fathers name to rule ouer them. Therefore, to allay the heat of their pretensures, & to preserue the peace of my estate (by preuenting the mischiefe of such future troubles) I am resolued to settle my contentment, and to deale with your sonne, as I haue dealt with your daughter. And of this I thought good to aduertise you, as a preparatiue for patience, lest sorrow should distract with ouersuddennesse. Now you Ladies and Dames of these times, that stand vpon tearmes of spirit and greatnesse of heart (some will haue it courage and magnanimity of minde) that are affrighted at the Character of a foole: and silly poore soule; I speake not of Strumpets, or of such as are willing to hand themselues with the impurity of vnchastnesse, and dare out of impudency or cunning, tell their husbands to their faces; they will goe where they list, and do what they please; but of such that vnder that impregnable target of honestie are yet so impatient at euery distemperature, that they dare answere taunt for taunt: yea like Viragos indeed offer the first blow, though a horrible confusion follow; what would you haue answered this lord? or with what fire-works would you haue made your approches vnto him? I will not tarry for your answere, lest I pull the old house in peeces, and so though I scape the timber I may be crushed with the rubbish: but I will now

[illegible] said: and if there be hope of reformation, inferre it as a caution, to divert you from your naturall ferocitie.

When shee had heard him out; though to the griefe of her soule, shee conceived the murder of her childe, and that she apprehensiuely receiued the sorrow of her daughters losse: yet would shee giue no way to such vilde apprehension, that either he should haue cause to suspect her patience, or shee herselfe the temptation of disquiet; and therefore thus replied: My lord, I haue many times told you, that my soule resideth in nothing but in your reposednes: for you are the lord of me and this infant: and though I could be contented to shew my fruitfulnes in his education, and to bring him now and then vnto you as the pledge of our loues, yet are you the commander of my wishes, and I will rectifie all disordered appetites by the rule of your pleasure. Take him then in Gods name, and if he be marked for death, it is but the common brand of all creatures; nay, if the mother may be a sacrifice of propitiation to appease your disquiet, neuer was lambe so meek, nor holocaust so willing to be offered. For what may be comprehended vnder the titles of father, kinred, children, friends, life, pleasure, honour, and contentment, are all compriz'd vnder your loue, and the society of a husband. Do with me then what you please: the body shall serue your turne while it liues, and the soule attend you after death.

Here was an answer to pacifie the tyranny of Sicilie, and put a man quite out of his trast of proouing such a wife: yet the tyrannous only made vse of it to reioice in the assurance of her goodnes: and went the rather forward in his dangerous course of temptation.

CHAP.

CHAP. VII.

The Marqueſſe, reſolute to proue his wife further, ſendeth for his ſon, & diſpoſeth of him as he had done of his daughter.

As this patient and wonderfull lady was one day ſporting with her infant, like an vnkindely tempeſt (ſpoiling the beauty of ſome new ſet plants) did this meſſenger of death interpoſe himſelfe betweene her recreation, making the hollow demand of her ſonne worſe than the noiſe of a ſcritch-owle ouer a ſick mans bed: yet (as if there were a conſcience in diſquieting her greatnes, or if you will, her gaddines) he came forward with preambles and apologies, inſinuating with craping pardon the authority of a lord, the duty of a ſeruant, the terrour of death, the circumſtance of obedience, and all other enforcements which might either excuſe a meſſenger, or make the meſſage it ſelfe leſſe without blame. What ſhould I enlarge a diſcourſe of terrour? it is a curteſie to conclude a miſchiefe with quickneſs: he was not ſo ſodden in his demand, as ſhe was ready in her diſpatch; for ſhe preſently kiſſed her child, bleſſed it, croſſed it, ſoothed it, and deliuered it to the executioner: gladly with the ſame enforcement that pleaded, as ſhe had ſpoken of in the behalfe of her daughter; not to ſee it periſh for lack of a buriall, or denounced for want of a graue.

In this manner, and with this report he returned to his lord, who had ſtill more cauſe of amazement, and leſſe reaſon to trouble ſuch a creature, had not his wilfulnes put him forward to make an end of his puſillo, and taught him ſtill harſhly to try of trying this gold in the fire. But for the time, he ſent likewiſe this childe to his ſiſter, the Ducheſſe of Bologna (yet ſome will haue her but Counteſſe of Panicke) who, imbouldning her brothers minde, brought vp both theſe children in ſuch a faſhion, that though no man knew whoſe children they were, yet they imagined whoſe they might be; that is, the ſon and daughter of ſome prince, or other potentate, willing to haue his children brought vp to the beſt purpoſe, and beſitting their birth and honour.

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The ordering of this business in this sort, made the Marquesse once againe settle himselfe in Saluss, where he kept open house to all comers; and was proud of nothing so much, as the honour of his wife, and the love of his people: for although he had thus tried her patience and constancy, giuing her more then sufficient cause of anguish and perturbation, yet could he not finde fault, or had the least demonstration of offence, but still she loued him more and more, and was so obseruingly dutifull, and cautelous of displeasure, that many times he grew enamored of that he might command, and seemed passionate in the distractions of ouer-ioy. Nor could the length of time make this loue wearisome, for all they had liued thus a dozen yeares together: onely shee got the hand of him in the opinion of the people, who by this time beganne to whisper against his vnkindnes, that had married so vertuous a woman, & bereaued her of two children, so that if they were dead, it was a murther, if otherwise, it was vnkindnesse. For though shee were poore Ianicolas daughter by birth, yet she might come from heauen for her vertue, and was sure to go thither for her piety, notwithstanding these breakings out, which came often to the eares of his honour, such was her moderation and his gouernment, that they only whispered the fame in her behalfe, and contented themselues with the expectation of future good, as they had the fruition of present happinesse; not meddling with the same further, then in the commiseration of her, and still acknowledging their duty to him: so that although he knew shee might this way vnderstand his former reasons of taking away her children, that it was but a deuice, and that there were some other motiues, which procured this vnkindnes: yet was hee still obstinate to exercise her patience, and conceit heat out another plot of offence on the anuil of a louing, yet most harmed heart.

CHAP.

CHAP. IX.

The Marquesse, to try his Lady further, made her beleeue he would marry another wife.

SOme dosen yeares were passed, since the Marquesse of Saluss had sent his daughter to Bologna to his sister (as you haue heard) who was by this time growne to that beautie, comelinesse and perfection, that her fame buzzed all Europe; and the lady Grisel, her Mother, was made acquainted with her excellency; whereupon, he very strangely sent to Rome, by a Messenger of trust, for counterfait letters to marrie his Daughter, and to bee dispensed from his first vowe. Which was so effectually dispatched, that the Messenger soone returned with the approbation of his request, and hee himselfe had many allegations in readinesse to excuse the matter, intimating the good of the Countrie, and the continuall desire of his people for the alteration; which although it was far from probability, because they pitied their ladies distresse, and rather repined against their lords inconstancy: yet it serued his turne for the time, and he thereupon erected the frame of this second marriage. By this time is the faire Grisel acquainted with the businesse, and troubled at the misfortune; but hauing many times plated the wanton with affliction, she resetled herselfe to endure whatsoeuer should be imposed: so that when she came to the proofe indeed, nothing affronted her constancy, nor humbled her lower, then her owne vertue had taught her the way.

In the meane whyle the Marquesse had vnder hand sent to the Count of Paniche, and his sister, to bring him his children with all the pompe and glory they could prepare; with caution, not to discouer their names and to be at a day appointed at Saluss; so that it passed for current all ouer the Country, that a lady, a young, braue, and gallant lady, of great lineage

and greater worth, of high renown and mighty affinity, was comming into Saluſs to be eſpouſed to the Marqueſſe, and that they were already come out of Bologna de Grace, a whole dayes iourney forward, with ſuch a troope and company, that it was a ſhew of magnificence, and a ſpectacle of delight. For amongſt the reſt, there was a young lord, not fully eight yeare old, whoſe brauery and gallantneſſe drew all mens eyes with admiration toward him, had not the lady diuided the gazing, and ſhared with their opinion. For, beſides her riches and outward ornaments, her youth (as not fully thirteene) and vpright comelineſſe, her beauty and gracious behauiour, ſhe was of extraordinary ſtature and maieſtike preſence.

Theſe things thus diſpoſed and handſomly carried, the Marqueſſe tooke an opportunity thus to ſpeak to the diſconſolate Griſel before all his people: In times paſt I confeſſe you deſerued my loue, and notwithſtanding the diſparity betweene vs, I thought it well beſtowed vpon you; nay, I cannot now impute any ill defect vnto you: notwithſtanding, for ſome reaſons to my ſelfe beſt knowne, of which I haue made the holy Father acquainted, I am reſolued to take another wife; who, as you heare, is on the way hitherward already: therefore I would aduiſe you to retire to your fathers cottage, till you heare further from me.

Alas my lord, replied the ſweet ſoule, I euer diſputed the matter with reaſon, that there was no equality betweene ſo great magnificence and my humiliation; and in the greateſt aſſurance of my proſperity, reputed my ſelfe a baſſaſe & handmaid; proud of nothing but my owne readineſſe to be at your command, & your willingnes to imploy mee in your affaires; ſo that I take God to my witnes, I ſcarce truſted my ſelfe with the name of a wife, when I was in the beſt aſſurance. Therefore I muſt acknowledge, what you haue heretofore vouchſafed, as a part of great bounty, and the very fruits of your generouſnes. As for returning to my poore Fathers houſe, I am moſt willing; and there as you pleaſe, like a forlorne widow will ſpend the reſt of my dayes: yet remember I was your wife, eſpouſed openly, and you haue had children by mee, ſo

that

that if I there dye, I must yet dye the widdow of such a lord, and for honors sake be so reputed. As for your new Spouse, God graunt her many dates of comfort, and you many yeeres of ioy, that you may liue in reciprocall delight one with another, and intertaine no worse contentment, then poore Grisel accustomed. As for my Dowry I brought, I brought only my selfe, and will haue no more backe againe, which was, faith, loue, reuerence, pouerty and virginity: For, as I came naked from my fathers house, I am contented to returne so againe. Your iewels are in the wardrobe, and euen the ring you married mee withal, in the Chamber: of this I weare I shall quickly be disrobed, and if there be any further misery appointed, my patience can endure it, if your pleasure impose it; onely in recompence of my Virginitie, I request a poore smocke to hide that wombe from publicke outrakking, that was once so priuate to so great a Prince: and because it was the bed of your Infants, let it not bee the scorne of your people, but giue mee leaue thus to goe out of the Palace, that hereafter times may wonder, how quietly a woman yielded to so great a change. Nay, let no man shed a teare, I must be more naked then so: for though the wife of a Marquesse while I liued, and the widow when I died, yet am I not to go to a graue, but in despight of pride must returne to dust and ashes.

Who I say before, they beganne to weep: I can assure you, when shee had done, they roared outright; yea, the Marquesse himselfe shed so many teares, that he was faine to retire and commanded the suite she had begged to be sent vnto her, that so she might prosecute the enterprise, and he determine his businesse, as he had constantly proiected.

CHAP. VIII.

How the patient *Grisel* was disrobed of her apparell, and restored all that she had (except one poore smocke) to the Marquesse.

Before I proceed any further in this wonderfull discouery, I am sure two things will bee obiected against mee; first,

the [illegible] of the story; secondly, the absurdity of the er-
[illegible] story I answer, that therefore it was thus pub-
[illegible] together, for the rarity of the business,
[illegible] of the successe; nor is it any way stranger
[illegible] passages, and Grecian discourses. For the
[illegible] it is both necessary and befitting: for whereas in
[illegible] of women, amongst many other there be two
[illegible] against the modesty of their sex and quietnes
[illegible], pridelicet, superfluity, and desire of liberty
[illegible] not irregular behaviour, houshould inconveniences,
[illegible] this one example (as Hercules did the
[illegible] in the cradle: and though it can-
[illegible] corroborate the fault, Faith concerning
[illegible] the instances of Scripture are not made
[illegible] to no purpose: and out of reason and naturall in-
[illegible], what a filthinesse is it to a generous spirit, to have
a woman so pertinacious as to take an account of her bus-
[illegible] wherein many times they see so
[illegible], that I have seen them enter into the rooms of
[illegible], where secret [illegible] of strangers have been unpar-
[illegible], and where to be discovered: but both this hath been done with a
[illegible] insinuation, as carrying shew of longing, or willing-
nes to be informed, or otherwise by inducements to permis-
on, but with a high commanding voice, and impudent assuran-
ces of their owne worth; yea, I have known them breake o-
pen letters before they came to their husbands overlooking,
and have wondered men as fooleish themselves, that would
give way to such indecency. Againe, to be controlled in
this wilfulnes, what clamours have been raised? what tu-
mults and discomforts occasioned? that instead of awfull o-
bedience and delightfome stability, they have burst out into
outragious fits, consumed teares of vile sorts, and threatned
suspicious revenges: but let them force themselves in the fil-
thinesse of this humour never so much, I say plainely, that
though their husbands were fooles by nature, yet is it not be-
fitting for a wife to discover the [illegible], as oftentimes in forren
affaires, I have [illegible]

is no great reason to weake, but hath counsell and supportance of inferiour Officers, nor meane man so foolish, but hath friends or seruants in the dispatch of his businesse. Secondly, concerning the desire of liberty: oh hellish den of the diuell, and fearefull curstome both of France and England! I hope he that knowes the fashions of the East, of Muscouy, Spaine, Italy, and the Moores, vnderstands, that no married wife goes abroad but to honorable purposes; and it is an introduction to death, to salute any stranger, or be seene in priuate conference. For; in true vnderstanding, what businesse should any man haue with my wife three houres together in priuate? or why, without my leaue, and that vpon good grounds, should she wander in publike. I speake not to ouerthrow noble societies, generous intertainment, familiar inuitations, curteous behauiour, charitable welcomes, honest recreations, or priuate neerenes, the imparting of priuate businesse: but merely against foppish wantonnesse, idle talke, suspitious meetings, dammable play-hunting, disorderly gaming, vnbefitting exercises and in a word, all such things as tend to obscenity and wickednes; in which (say what women can) if there be not a moderation, by nature, there must bee an inforcement by iudgement: and that woman that will not be ruled by good counsell, must be ouerruled by better example. Of which, this now in hand (of lady Grisel) is a mirror, and transparent Crystall to manifest true vertue, and wifely duty indeed, and so I come to the wonder of her obedience.

After the Marquesse was resolued to the last Act of her tryall, and had sent her the Iewels she demanded, amongst all the Lords, Knights, Ladies and other company, she priuately robed her selfe, and went so accompanied, from the Palace of her fathers Cottage, who as you haue heard (for diuers reasons) was only kept from want, but neuer aduanced one penny in fame.

The company could not thinke but some [illegible] reuelation of Fortune: she could not thinke [illegible] better hope [illegible] obseruation: [illegible]

him: they wondred at so great vertue and patience, she resolued them they were exercises befitting a modest woman; they followed her with true loue and desires to doe her good, shee thanked them with a true heart, and requested to desist from any further deploring of her estate.

By this time they approched the house, and the poore old man Ianicola acquainted with the hurliburly, came out to see what the matter was. And finding it was his daughter in her smocke, and in so honourable a company, bemoaning her distresse, he quickly left them all vnspoke vnto, and ran in for those poore robes, which were formerly left in the house: with which hee quickly arayed her, and told her before them all; that now shee was in her right element; and kissing her, bad her welcom. The company was as much astonished at his moderation, as at her constancie, wondring how nature could bee so restrained from passion, and that any woman had such grace to be so gracious; in which amaze, not without some reprehension of fortune, and their Lords cruelty, they left her to the poverty of the Cell, and returned themselues to the glory of the Palace: where they recounted to the Marquesse, the strangenesse of the businesse, and the manner of the accidents, and shee continued in her first moderation and indefatigable patience; the poore Father onely laughing to scorne the miseries and sodaine mutabilitie of humane condition, and comforting his daughter in her well begun courses of modesty and reprodonesse.

Not long after, approched the Countesse of Paniche, or if you will Duchesse of Bologna, with her glorious company and beautifull lady, sending word before hand, that she would be at Saluts such a day; whereupon the Marquesse sent a troope to welcome her, and prepared the Court for her intertainment: the hunt of which yet had not so equall a passage, but diuers contrarious opinions thus bandied themselues; some absolutely condemned the inconstancie of the Lord, others deplored the misfortune of the lady; some repined to see a man so cruell, others so great worthinesse, others exemplified her praises [illegible]; some lyers transported [illegible]

gallant youth and comelineſſe of this new betrothed Virgine, others preſumed to parallel the faire Griſel, but that ſhee had ſtepped a little before her in yeeres: ſome harped vpon her great Nobilitie and high Lineage, others compared the former wifes vertue and true wiſdome; ſome excuſed their lord, by the loue to his Country, others excuſed the lady, by the nature of the aduerſitie, vntill the approach of the faire Virgine and the young Noble man in her company, extinguiſhed all former conceits, and ſet them to a new worke, concerning this ſpectacle, wherein the young lady, and her braue brother had ſuch preeminence: nor knew the Earle of Paniche himſelfe or any of the company on either ſide, that they were his owne children by Griſel, but meerely ſtrangers, and deſigned for this new mariage. So the great Marquelle made good ſemblance, and with his accuſtomed courtlineſſe welcomed them all to the Palace.

The very next morning (or, if you will, the day before) he ſent a Meſſenger for Griſel to come vnto him in the very ſame manner as ſhee was, who protracted no time, but preſently attended her lord: at her approach he was ſomewhat appalled: but yet ſetting (as wee ſay) the beſt foot forward, ſhee thus proceeded.

The lady (Griſel) with whom I muſt marrie, will bee here to morrow by this time, and the feaſt is prepared accordingly; now becauſe there is none ſo well acquainted with the ſecrets of my Palace, and diſpoſition of my ſelfe as you, I would haue you, for all this baſe attire, addreſſe your wiſdome to the ordering of the buſineſſe, appointing ſuch officers as is beſitting, and diſpoſing the roomes, according to the degrees and eſtate of the perſons: let the lady haue the priuiledge of the mariage chamber, and the young lord the pleaſure of the gallery, let the reſt be lodged in the Courts, and the better ſort vpon the ſides of the garden: let the viands bee plentifull, and the ſeruices maintained; let the ſhowes bee ſumptuous, and the paſtimes as it becommeth: in a word, let nothing be wanting which may ſet forth my honour, and

Lady, saith she, I euer-tould you, I tooke pleasure in nothing but your contentment, and whatsoeuer might consist to your delight, therein consisted my ioy and happinesse: therefore make no question of my diligence and duty in this, or any other thing which shall please you to impose vpon me: and so like a poore seruant she presently addressed herselfe to the businesse of the house; performing all things with such a quicknes and grace, that each one wondred at her goodnesse and faire demeanour, and many murmured to see her put to such a triall. But the day of entertainement is now comne: and when the faire lady approached, her very presence had almost extinguished the impression of Grisels worthinesse: for some inconstant humourists gaue way to the alteration, not blaming the Marquesse for such a change. But when the strangers were made acquainted with the Fortune of Grisel; and saw her faire demeanour, they could not but esteeme her a woman of great vertue and honour; being more amased at her patience, then at the mutability of mans condition; till at last she approached the lady, and taking her by the hand, vsed this speech.

Lady, if it were not his pleasure that may command to bid you welcome, yet me thinks there is a kinde of ouer-ruling grace from nature in you, that must erast a respect vnto you. And as for you, young lord, I can say no more, but if I might haue my desires satisfied in this world, they should be imployed to wish you well, and to endeauour all things for your entertainement indeed. To the rest I afford what is befitting; desiring them, that if any deficiency aunate their expectation, they would impute it either to my ignorance, or negligence: for it is the pleasure of him, in whose will is all my pleasure, that in all sufficiency you should haue haue regard and supplement. And so she conducted them to their seuerall chambers, where they reposed themselues awhile, till the time of dinner inuited them to repast. When all things were prepared, and the solemnity of placing the guests finished, the Marquesse sent for Grisel; and rising on his feet, took her by the hand before them all, erecting his body, and elating his

manner: You see the lady is heere I meane to marry: and the company gloriously prepared to witnes the same: are you therefore contented that I shall thus dispose of my selfe, and do quietly yeeld to the alteration?

My lord, replied she before them all, wherein as a woman I might be faulty, I will not now dispute: but because I am your wife, and haue deuoted my selfe to obedience, I am resolued to delight in nothing but your pleasure: so that if this match be designed for your good, and determined by your appointment, I am much satisfied, and more then much contented. And for you lady, I wish you the delights of your marriage, and the honour of your husband, many yeares of happinesse, and the fruits of a chaste wedlock: only gracious lord, take heed of one thing, that you trie not this new bride as you haue done your auld wife: for she is yong, and peraduenture of another straine, and so may want of that patience and gouernment, which I, poore I, haue endured.

Till this, he held out bravely: but nature ouercomming resolution, and considering with what strange variety his vnkindnesse had passed, hee could not answere a word for teares, and all the company stood confounded at the matter, wondring what would be the end of the businesse, and the successe of the erasie: But to draw them out of their doubts, the next Chapter shall determine the controuersie.

CHAP. X.

The Oration of the Marquesse to his wife, and the discouery of her children, to her great ioy, and the contentment of all the company.

After a little reducement of his passion, and that time, and further meditation had disposed his senses to their perfect state, the Marquesse graciously answered:

Thou wonder of women, and Champion of true vertue, I am ashamed of my imperfections, and tyred with abusing [illegible] and reason, and [illegible]

mired and reuerenced for her worth, as he was eſteemed and regarded for his wiſdom: the Nobles applying themſelues to renown his eſtate, and the People proud they had ſuch a Lord to obey. eſpecially ſatisfied when the poore Ianicola was aduanced to his Councell, and made Gouernor of his Palace: wherein hee behaued himſelfe ſo well, that for ten yeares hee ſtill liued as he had beene bred a Courtier; and died with the memory of a good report. Griſel laſted thirty yeares after him: and all went to their graues in good time; the Country renowned ouer the world for their admirable gouernment, and famoſed for this extraordinary wonder.

Non nulla difficilis (vt ita dicam) neque paſſio, neque calamitas dari non ſufferre queat pondus hominis natura.

Euripides Oreſtei.

FINIS.